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### **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

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### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

**JOHN LEWIS** 

CIVIL ACTION

**Plaintiff** 

No.: 10-CV-

Vs.

THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, POLICE OFFICER, SHAWN HAGAN, BADGE NUMBER 2232, POLICE OFFICER KEVIN CORCORAN, BADGE NUMBER 3127, POLICE OFFICER SANCHEZ, BADGE NUMBER 3039, POLICE OFFICER HENG, BADGE NUMBER 5361, POLICE OFFICER WELCOME, BADGE NUMBER 4981, POLICE OFFICER MCCOREY, BADGE 3002, AND POLICE OFFICERS JOHN DOE NUMBERS 1 THROUGH TEN, BADGE NUMBERS UNKOWN

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED** 

**Defendants** 

#### **COMPLAINT**

#### I. JURISDICTION

1. This action is brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Sections 1983 and 1988, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1343(1),(3),(4) and the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, the Pennsylvania Constitution, and under the Common Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Plaintiff further invokes the supplemental jurisdiction of this Court to hear and decide claims arising under state law.

#### II. PARTIES

- 2. Plaintiff, John Lewis, is a resident and citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1630 S. Taney Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 3. Defendant, City of Philadelphia, is a City of the First Class in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and a municipal corporation duly existing and organized under the laws of Pennsylvania with offices for service at 1515 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant, City of Philadelphia, operated under the color of state law in creating and maintaining a Police Department and was the employer of all of the Police Officer Defendants in this action.

- 4. Defendant, Police Officer Shawn Hagen, Badge No.: 2232 ("Officer Hagan"), was at all times relevant to this Complaint, an Officer of the Police Department of Defendant, City of Philadelphia, and was acting in such capacity as the agent, servant, and or employee of the City of Philadelphia, by and through the Police Department, acting under the direction and control of the City of Philadelphia and its Police Department, and was acting pursuant to either official policies, statutes, ordinances, regulations, customs, practices and usages of the City of Philadelphia and its Police Department. He is being sued in both his individual and official capacities.
- 5. Defendant, Police Officer Kevin Corcoran, Badge No.: 3127 ("Officer Corcran"), was at all times relevant to this Complaint, an Officer of the Police Department of Defendant, City of Philadelphia, and was acting in such capacity as the agent, servant, and or employee of the City of Philadelphia, by and through the Police Department, acting under the direction and control of the City of Philadelphia and its Police Department, and was acting pursuant to either official policies, statutes, ordinances, regulations, customs, practices and usages of the City of Philadelphia and its Police Department. He is being sued in both his individual and official capacities.
- 6. Defendant, Police Officer Sanchez, Badge No.: 3309 ("Officer Sanchez"), was at all times relevant to this Complaint, an Officer of the Police Department of Defendant, City of Philadelphia, and was acting in such capacity as the agent, servant, and or employee of the City of Philadelphia, by and through the Police Department, acting under the direction and control of the City of Philadelphia and its Police Department, and was acting pursuant to either official policies, statutes, ordinances, regulations, customs, practices and usages of the City of Philadelphia and its Police Department. He is being sued in both his individual and official capacities.
- 7. Defendant, Police Officer Heng, Badge No.: 5361 ("Officer Heng"), was at all times relevant to this Complaint, an Officer of the Police Department of Defendant, City of Philadelphia, and was acting in such capacity as the agent, servant, and or employee of the City of Philadelphia, by and through the Police Department, acting under the direction and control of the City of Philadelphia and its Police Department, and was acting pursuant to either official policies, statutes, ordinances, regulations, customs, practices and usages of the City of Philadelphia and its Police Department. She is being sued in both her individual and official capacities.

- 8. Defendant, Police Officer Welcome, Badge No.: 4981 ("Officer Welcome"), was at all times relevant to this Complaint, an Officer of the Police Department of Defendant, City of Philadelphia, and was acting in such capacity as the agent, servant, and or employee of the City of Philadelphia, by and through the Police Department, acting under the direction and control of the City of Philadelphia and its Police Department, and was acting pursuant to either official policies, statutes, ordinances, regulations, customs, practices and usages of the City of Philadelphia and its Police Department. He is being sued in both his individual and official capacities.
- 9. Defendant, Police Officer McCorey, Badge No.: 3002 ( "Officer McCorey"), was at all times relevant to this Complaint, an Officer of the Police Department of Defendant, City of Philadelphia, and was acting in such capacity as the agent, servant, and or employee of the City of Philadelphia, by and through the Police Department, acting under the direction and control of the City of Philadelphia and its Police Department, and was acting pursuant to either official policies, statutes, ordinances, regulations, customs, practices and usages of the City of Philadelphia and its Police Department. He is being sued in both his individual and official capacities.
- 10. Defendants, John Doe, Number One through Ten, are factitious names of individuals heretofore unascertained that were at all times relevant to this Complaint, Police Officers for the City of Philadelphia and acted under the color of state law and acting in such capacity as the agent, servant, and or employee of the City of Philadelphia, by and through the Police Department, acting under the direction and control of the City of Philadelphia and its Police Department, and was acting pursuant to either official policies, statutes, ordinances, regulations, customs, practices and usages of the City of Philadelphia and its Police Department. They are being sued in both their individual and official capacities.
- 11. At all times material and relevant to this complaint, Defendant, City of Philadelphia, did act through its agents, employees, owners, representative, agents and/or employees while in the course and scope of their employment and/or agency.
- 12. At all times referred to herein, Defendants, acted under color of the laws, statutes ordinances, regulations, policies, customs, and usages of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the City of Philadelphia and the Police Department of the City of Philadelphia, and pursuant to their authority as police officers of the City of Philadelphia and its police department.

#### III. FACTS

- 13. On or about November 5, 2008, Plaintiff, John Lewis, was at his home located at 1630 S. Taney Street.
- 14. At around 10:00 p.m., members of the Philadelphia Police Department, including but not limited to the above named defendants, entered the home Plaintiff, John Lewis, was in.
- 15. Neither the Plaintiff, John Lewis, nor anyone inside the house, gave police officers, including defendants, permission to enter the house.
- 16. The Police Officers, including defendants, opened the door to the house and went inside.
- 17. There is no search or arrest warrant that permitted the Police Officers, including defendants, to enter the house located at 1630 S. Taney Street.
- 18. Defendants, Officer Hagan and Officer Corcoran, were the second team in the house.
- 19. Plaintiff, John Lewis, was sitting on the couch, when Defendants, Officer Hagan and Officer Corcoran, came inside.
- 20. Defendants, Officer Hagan and Officer Corcoran, went over to the couch where Plaintiff, John Lewis, was sitting and ordered him to stand up.
- 21. Plaintiff, John Lewis, complied with the Defendant Officers' command but Defendant, Officer Hagan, pushed him back to the couch.
- 22. Defendants, Officer Hagan and Officer Corcoran, again ordered Plaintiff, John Lewis to stand.
- 23. Plaintiff, John Lewis, again complied with the Defendant Officers' command but again Defendant, Officer Hagan, pushed him back to the couch.
- 24. Defendants, Officer Hagan and Officer Corcoran, ordered Plaintiff, John Lewis to stand for a third time.

- 25. When Plaintiff complied with this third command and stood up, Defendant, Officer Hagan, slammed plaintiff to the ground and arrested him with the assistance of other officers including the defendants.
  - 26. During the arrest, defendants assaulted Plaintiff, John Lewis.
- 27. Defendants caused plaintiff numerous injuries including but not limited to L2 and L3 transverse process fracture, right medial orbital wall fracture, and bilateral nasal bone fractures.
  - 28. Plaintiff, John Lewis, was transported to the hospital.
- 29. The aforesaid assault, battery and unlawful imprisonment, use of excessive force, and the physical and psychological abuse inflicted upon the plaintiff by Defendants, were carried out unlawfully, maliciously and/or intentionally.
- 30. As a direct and proximate result of the intentional, unlawful, reckless and/or malicious acts described above, all committed by Defendants under color of law, under his/their authority as City of Philadelphia Police Officers, while acting in the course and scope of their employment and pursuant to authority vested in them by City of Philadelphia, Defendants caused plaintiff herein to sustain serious and painful injuries to his body, and to suffer serious mental anguish and economic damages, some or all of which injuries and damages may continue indefinitely into the future.

## FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE BY DEFENDANTS COGNIZABLE UNDER 42 U.S.C. §1983

- 31. The allegations set forth in paragraphs one through thirty inclusive, are incorporated herein as if fully set forth.
- 32. At the time and date aforementioned, Defendants used unnecessary force on plaintiff by dragging him through the open window, striking him, and beating him. Defendants' actions were unnecessary, unlawful, outrageous and intentional, and constituted an unlawful physical assault upon plaintiff.
  - 33. At no time did plaintiff offer or commit any violence against defendants.
- 34. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid unlawful and malicious physical abuse of Plaintiff, John Lewis, by defendants, committed under color of law and under each

individual defendant's authority as a police officer of the City of Philadelphia, plaintiff suffered harm and was deprived of his right to secure his person against unreasonable seizure of his person, and the excessive use of force violated his Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment Constitutional rights.

- 35. As a direct and proximate result of the malicious and outrageous conduct of Defendants, Plaintiff, John Lewis, suffered physical injuries, as well as psychological and emotional injuries, some or all of which may be permanent.
- 36. The acts of Defendants as aforesaid were wanton, malicious and oppressive, thus entitling plaintiff to an award of punitive damages against the defendants in their individual capacities.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, John Lewis, respectfully requests judgment in his favor and against defendants for compensatory and punitive damages, plus costs of this action, attorneys fees, and such other relief as this Honorable Court deems fair and appropriate under the circumstances.

### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION STATE LAW CLAIM FOR ASSAULT AND BATTERY AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS

- 37. The allegations set forth in paragraphs one through thirty-five inclusive, are incorporated herein as if fully set forth.
  - 38. Defendants assaulted and battered plaintiff as aforesaid.
- 39. As a direct and proximate result of this assault and batter, plaintiff suffered damages as aforementioned throughout this complaint.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff respectfully requests judgment in his favor and against defendants for compensatory and punitive damages, plus costs of this action, attorneys fees, and such other relief as this Honorable Court deems fair and appropriate under the circumstances.

# THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION 42 U.S.C. SECTION 1983 AGAINST THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA FOR ITS FAILURE TO INVESTIGATE, TRAIN, SUPERVISE, AND/OR DISCIPLINE

40. The allegations set forth in paragraphs one through thirty-nine inclusive, are incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

- 41. Prior to November 5, 2008, the City of Philadelphia, including but not limited to the City of Philadelphia Police Department, developed and maintained policies or customs exhibiting deliberate indifference to the constitution rights of persons in Philadelphia, which caused the violations of plaintiff's civil rights.
- 42. It was the policy and/or custom of the City of Philadelphia, by and through its Police Department to inadequately and improperly investigate acts of misconduct by its officers, including defendant officer(s), such that these acts of misconduct were tolerated and known by the City of Philadelphia, including the incident involving plaintiff in this matter.
- 43. It was the policy and/or custom of the City of Philadelphia and its Police Department to inadequately supervise and train its police officers, including the defendant officer(s), thereby failing to adequately discourage further constitutional violations on the part of it police officers. The City of Philadelphia, by and through it Police Department, did not require appropriate in-service training or re-training of officer(s) who were known to have engaged in propensities for violence, unlawful arrests, unlawful detainments and unlawful behavior and further police misconduct.
- 44. As a result of the above described policies and customs, police officers of the City of Philadelphia and its Police Department, including the defendant officer(s), believed that his/their actions would not be properly monitored by supervisor officers and that misconduct would not be investigated or sanctioned, but would be tolerated.
- 45. The above described policies and customs, police officers of the City of Philadelphia, by and through its Police Department, demonstrated an indifference on the part of policymakers of the City of Philadelphia and its Police Department to the constitutional right of person within the City of Philadelphia, and were the cause of the violations of plaintiff's rights alleged herein.
- 46. The acts and failures to act of Defendant, City of Philadelphia, by and through its Police Department, committed under color of law. As herein above set forth, deprived plaintiff of his rights, privileges and immunities guaranteed to him as a citizen of the United States, in violation of 42 U.S.C. Sections 1981, 1983, 1985, 1986 and 1988, and deprived the plaintiff of rights guaranteed to him by the First, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States and the Pennsylvania Constitution.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff respectfully requests judgment in his favor and against defendants for compensatory and punitive damages, plus costs of this action, attorneys fees, and such other relief as this Honorable Court deems fair and appropriate under the circumstances.

### FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS AGAINST INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS

- 47. The allegations set forth in paragraphs one through forty-six inclusive, are incorporated herein as if fully set forth.
- 48. The unlawful actions of defendants were intentional and/or reckless, constituting extreme and outrageous conduct which caused plaintiff to suffer severe and foreseeable emotional and physical injuries to his person.
  - 49. Plaintiff re-alleges the damages as previously set forth.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff respectfully requests judgment in his favor and against defendants for compensatory and punitive damages, plus costs of this action, attorneys fees, and such other relief as this Honorable Court deems fair and appropriate under the circumstances.

#### **JURY DEMAND**

50. Plaintiff demands a jury trial as to each Defendant and as to each count.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff respectfully requests this Honorable Court grant the relief herein requested.

THE CHOTINER FIRM

Dated: May 5, 2010

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